

## Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] The invention relates to a lightweight valve, in particular for internal combustion engines, according to the preamble of claim 1 with a valve stem, with a hollow valve cone and with a valve disk closing the valve cone, the valve disk being provided with a recess on its flat side facing the valve cone.

Please add the following new heading before paragraph [0002]:

### BACKGROUND

Please add the following new heading before paragraph [0003]:

### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please amend paragraph [0004] as follows:

[0004] ~~To achieve the object, a lightweight valve with the features of claim 1 is proposed.~~  
This is The present invention provides a lightweight valve with a valve stem, with a hollow valve cone and with a valve disk closing the valve cone, the valve disk being provided with a recess on its flat side facing the valve cone and characterized in that the valve cone projects with its end region of greater diameter into the recess. By virtue of this design, accurate alignment of valve cone and valve disk in relation to one another is brought about in a simple way without special devices being necessary for this. Furthermore, the engagement of the valve cone in the recess secures the valve disk against radial displacement relative to the valve cone. It is moreover advantageous that the design according to the invention of the connection region affords more weld seam formation possibilities than the known lightweight valve.

Please delete paragraph [0011].

Please add the following new heading before paragraph [0012]:

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please add the following new heading before paragraph [0018]:

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION**

Please replace paragraph [0057] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0057]** In the illustrative embodiment according to figure 5, the stem connection element 49 has a blind hole opening 57 which extends in alignment with the stem hollow space 39 and as far as the valve disk 7. In order for it to be possible to ensure uniform pressure conditions in the lightweight valve 1, slit-shaped openings 59 ~~57~~ arranged at 90° from one another, which connect the annular valve cone hollow space delimited by the valve cone, the valve disk and the stem connection element 49 to the blind hole opening 57, are provided in the stem connection element 49. The lightweight valve 1 can be filled with a cooling medium which can spread throughout the lightweight valve 1 owing to the openings 59, which contributes to improved cooling of the valve.

Please amend the heading on top of page 12 with the following amended heading:

~~Patent claims~~ **WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**